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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are [redacted]

referred to by the following alphabetical designators:

- A. First anchorage and pilot aboard
- B. Second anchorage
- C. Loading berth
- D. Outgoing pilot discharged
- E. Patrol boat
- F. Signal tower
- G. Six 15-ton cranes
- H. Radio tower
- I. Naval base
- J. Net
- K. Drydock
- L. Small USSR coastal vessel
- M. 20-thousand-ton passenger ship
- N. Two 1200-ton USSR destroyers

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The weather during vessel's call at subject port was strong winds on date of arrival which caused the vessel to shift anchorages but was calm and clear the remainder of the call. The temperature range during this period was 65°F to 50°F.

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6. Berth

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six 15-ton cranes were operating along the quay, position labeled designator G. All appeared to be in good working order. Some were used to dip ore from the ore bins and others were equipped to lift the six-eight ton "wagon" from the railroad and discharge it into the vessel. One was reportedly brought in from Cattura which is about 40 miles from subject port.

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7. Construction No new construction was observed except some small apartment houses in the center of town. a radio tower of about 150' in height at position labeled designator H. 25X1

8. Naval Installations The entire basin labeled designator I is used as a naval base. It is protected by a submarine net labeled designator J. Net was opened to allow vessels to pass in and out.

9. Ship Repair Facilities A drydock was observed at position labeled designator K; however, only small ships could be accommodated. This confirms description of the floating drydock described 25X1

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11. Approaches and Coastal Vicinity coastline near subject port is rugged and that the beaches were narrow and rocky. 25X1

12. Merchant Vessels A small USSR coastal vessel was observed at position labeled designator L. Position labeled designator M is area used by a 20-thousand-ton passenger ship on regular Black Sea run.

13. Naval Vessels Two USSR destroyers of unknown class were observed at position labeled designator N. It was believed that they were of about 1200 tons. 25X1 25X1

14. Shore Activities All members of the crew participated in shore leave under the usual half-pass system. Foreign currency was not accepted and no purchases were made due to this restriction. Two members attempted to purchase theatre tickets with English currency but were refused. 25X1

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live as comfortably as a middle-class citizen [redacted] Her assistant was a
35-year-old single woman who earned 600 rubles per month.

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